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The Scoop

AA in the AV 40

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AA in the AV has now appeared in 40 Scoops in a row. Let's review what we have learned so far: when did AA first come to the AV?, Below are the first three mentions, with the oldest mention being Lancaster in January, 1948. So the answer is, as best we can tell from our archives (until new information shows up), the first AA meeting in the Antelope Valley was a meeting in Lancaster in January, 1948, 75 years ago. Therefore last month, January, 2023, marked the 75th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous in the AV!

NEW GROUPS

New groups registered with General Headquarters during January were:
CALIFORNIA — Costa Mesa, Lancaster, Los Angeles (South Broadway Group), San Francisco (Seven Seas Group)
CONNECTICUT — Bridgeport (Black Rock Group)
FLORIDA — Bradenton, Hollywood, Wauchula (Hardee County Group)
ILLINOIS — Ottawa, Rock Island

(above) published in the
Grapevine, March 1948

Radford St., 8:30 P.M.
Norwalk Group, Woman's Club, Firestone
and Kalnor, 8:30 P.M.
Orange Group, Woman's Club, Orange,
8:30 P.M.
Palmdale Group, Whitespot Hotel, Palm-
dale, Calif., 8:30 P.M.
Riverside Group, Y.M.C.A. Bldg., Eighth
and Lemon Sts., 8:30 P.M.
San Pedro Group, Women's Club, 11th
and Gaffey, 8:30 P.M.

(above) published March, 1949
by Los Angeles Central Office

WEDNESDAY— [June 1950]
Anonymous Group, American Legion Hall,
2081 N. Hillhurst, Hollywood, 8:30
P.M. Open meeting.
Avalon Group, 234 Clarissa, Avalon, Cal-
ifornia Island, 8:30 P.M.
Antelope Valley Group, Lancaster Com-
munity Hall, Lancaster, 8:30 P.M.
Azusa Group, Banquet Room, 114 W.
Foothill Blvd., Azusa, 8:30 P.M.
Bay Area Speaker's Group, 2130 Santa
Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 8:30.

(above) published June, 1950,
Los Angeles Central Office

Election of Officers of the Intergroup Steering Committee

Nominations of all qualified AA members for board positions shall be held at the regular Intergroup Meeting in the months of January and February.

The Intergroup Steering Committee is held on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Antelope Valley Central Office.

Any AA member who is qualified for the open position and is willing to make the necessary commitment may be nominated. Qualifications for the open positions are available at the Central Office. There must be at least two nominations for each position.

The annual election will be held during the first week of March. Ballots may be cast during regular business hours at the A.V. Central Office for one week prior to the Annual Election Meeting held on the first Thursday of March. All A.V. AA members may vote.

Additional nominations will be accepted at the February 4th meeting at 7:00pm at the AV Central Office.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Step 2

“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

The moment they read Step Two, most A.A. newcomers are confronted with a dilemma,

sometimes a serious one. How often have we heard them cry out, “Look what you people have done to us! You have convinced us that we are alcoholics and that our lives are unmanageable. Having reduced us to a state of absolute helplessness, you now declare that none but a Higher Power can remove our obsession. Some of us *won’t* believe in God, others can’t, and still others who do believe that God exists have no faith whatever He will perform this miracle. Yes, you’ve got us over the barrel, all right—but where do we go from here?”

Let’s look first at the case of the one who says he won’t believe—the belligerent one. He is in a state of mind which can be described only as savage. His whole philosophy of life, in which he so gloried, is threatened. It’s bad enough, he thinks, to admit alcohol has him down for keeps. But now, still smarting from that admission, he is faced with something really impossible. How he does cherish the thought that man, risen so majestically from a single cell in the primordial ooze, is the spearhead of evolution and therefore the only god that his universe knows! Must he renounce all this to save himself?

At this juncture, his A.A. sponsor usually laughs. This, the newcomer thinks, is just about the last straw. This is the beginning of the end. And so it is: the beginning of the end of his old life, and the beginning of his emergence into a new one. His sponsor probably says, “Take it easy. The hoop you have to

jump through is a lot wider than you think. At least I’ve found it so. So did a friend of mine who was a one-time vice-president of the American Atheist Society, but he got through with room to spare.”

The 2nd Tradition

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

Where does A.A. get its direction? Who runs it? This, too, is a puzzler for every friend and newcomer. When told that our Society has no president having authority to govern it, no treasurer who can compel the payment of any dues, no board of directors who can cast an erring member into outer darkness, when indeed no A.A. can give another a directive and enforce obedience, our friends gasp and exclaim, “This simply can’t be. There must be an angle somewhere.” These practical folk then read Tradition Two, and lean that the sole authority in A.A. is a living God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. They dubiously ask an experienced A.A. member if this really works. The member, sane to all appearances, immediately answers, “Yes! It definitely does.” The friends mutter that this looks vague, nebulous, pretty naïve to them. Then they commence to watch us

with speculative eyes, pick up a fragment of A.A. history, and soon have the solid facts.

Second Concept:

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

This is an important concept of Alcoholics

Anonymous. When AA was founded in 1935, any changes or updates the program needed went through Bill W and Dr. Bob were the decision makers on any change related topic that came into the General Service Office.

In early 1950, Bill W and Dr. Bob knew they would not live forever and needed away to have decisions made without them overseeing.. The General Service Conference was first done in 1951 to make these decisions. The Conference is made up of the General

Service Office Employees, the 21 Trustees, and all 93 Delegates. The topics that are all talked about are made from phone calls, emails, written letters, and word of mouth to the General Service Office. The Conference is held yearly in April or May. The important factor here is if your meeting has a General Service Representative (GSR). Any changes to Alcoholics Anonymous are passed down to each Delegate who makes it available to your Area, District, and GSR. By having an active GSR, your meeting and fellow A.A. members will have a chance to see these changes and give your opinion on each of the changes.

If you don't have a GSR, see who can get connected with your District Committee Member (DCM) in District 7 and get connected with the Area 93 Delegate. Our Intergroup office will be able to help get your group connected and your ability to give your opinion on all of the proposed changes in Alcoholics Anonymous.

These meetings that do not participate will not have a voice in A.A. When changes are made within A.A. and these meetings do not participate, then we can never live up to the valuable concept. In the Antelope Valley, we are part of District 7 and Area 93. District 7 does host District meetings at the Grange in Quartz Hill the 2nd Monday of every month. The start time is 6:30pm. So, please come and be part of A.A. as a whole at the next District meeting.

-Keith H.,A.A. 2008

Word Game

Second Step

U S M F P L I G H T H D O D R
H J K Q U C L R G E T G F E C
F I N D I F F E R E N C E F B
P P X W B R T I J H O C G I E
I A O D X B E J W M B J J A L
E A K Z B F E E S Q T C U N I
A R E C E I V E D C T H E C E
W H P J G I O A G A I Q D E V
D J H D S H B B E G A T S C E
Y F O B O R O A D B L O C K S
Q A N M W S S N F P P G T N R
I P Y D E S E R T E D E A X Q
V D N W A N D E R E R G C S A
N F N V H U M I L I T Y T G H
Z S U B S T I T U T E D T X F

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| Indifference | Roadblocks | Substituted |
| Wanderer | Defiance | Received |
| Humility | Deserted | Plight |
| Begats | Believe | Phony |

February 2023 Office Manager Report

| | Jan | YTD Total |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Sales of Goods | \$4,466.63 | \$4,466.63 |
| Expenses | (\$5,692.37) | (\$5,692.37) |
| Cost of Goods | (\$6,792.12) | (\$6,792.12) |
| Contributions | \$3,625.22 | \$3,625.22 |
| Net Income | \$0.00 | (\$4,392.64) |



| Contributions | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Group | Jan | Total | |
| AM/Mid-Day Mod | \$607.39 | \$607.39 | |
| Anonymous | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | |
| Any Lengths Group | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| AV Hospital | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| AV Men's Stag | \$350.00 | \$350.00 | |
| AV Roundup | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Birthday | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | |
| Came to Believe - Alano Club | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Cal City | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Crown Valley Group | \$350.00 | \$350.00 | |
| Daily Reflections | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Dare to be Different - Alano Club | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| District 7 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Faithful Fiver | \$5.00 | \$5.00 | |
| Friday Noon - Alano | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| High Desert BB Grp | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Intergroup Fundraisers | \$920.00 | \$920.00 | |
| Into Action | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Lake Hughes Group | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| New Beginnings | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Open Door | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Open Participation | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Palmdale Grp | \$564.18 | \$564.18 | |
| Saturday Palmdale Spkr Mtg | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Pearblossom Grp | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| PM Mod | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Quartz Hill Unity Grp | \$120.00 | \$120.00 | |
| Rainbow Grp | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Recovery @ The Ranch | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Rosamond Sun Night | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Rule 62 Grp | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | |
| Sat. Men's Stag - Alano | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Sobriety Rocks | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Step Workshop Meeting | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Sun Night BBS | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| The Promises - Alano Club | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Unity Group | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| We Care Grp | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Westside Grp | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Women in Recovery | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Women Seeking Serenity | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Sober Sisters | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Digital Contributions | \$256.65 | \$256.65 | |
| TOTALS | \$0.00 | \$3,625.22 | \$3,625.22 |

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|--------------|-----------|----|--------------|-----------|----|
| Tommy B | 2/19/2021 | 2 | Bonnie E. | 2/20/2002 | 21 |
| Brian Y. | 2/13/2020 | 7 | Barbara | 2/20/2001 | 22 |
| Jerry D. | 2/9/2016 | 7 | Kathy R. | 2/13/2001 | 22 |
| Alees H. | 2/20/2016 | 7 | Ontaria W. | 2/25/2001 | 22 |
| Malissa T. | 2/24/2016 | 8 | Pat. T. | 2/12/2001 | 22 |
| Larry W. | 2/1/2015 | 9 | Larry M. | 2/29/2000 | 23 |
| Dan F. | 2/26/2014 | 9 | Michael G. | 2/22/2000 | 23 |
| Linnea M. | 2/1/2014 | 9 | Tonie R. | 2/18/2000 | 23 |
| Rachel | 2/4/2014 | 9 | Al Nelson | 2/27/1999 | 24 |
| Greg B. | 2/4/2014 | 9 | Lila P. | 2/1/1999 | 24 |
| Doug C. | 2/20/2014 | 10 | Lila P. | 2/1/1999 | 24 |
| Matt D. | 2/21/2013 | 11 | Carol M. | 2/12/1998 | 25 |
| Alex D. | 2/12/2012 | 11 | John Michael | 2/2/1998 | 25 |
| Amanda O. | 2/7/2012 | 11 | Sam S. | 2/23/1998 | 25 |
| Sarah W. | 2/10/2012 | 11 | Jeanette M. | 2/21/1997 | 26 |
| Bob H. | 2/13/2012 | 11 | Jordan C. | 2/7/1997 | 26 |
| Lee F. | 2/5/2012 | 11 | Kathleen B. | 2/1/1997 | 26 |
| Sarah W. | 2/10/2012 | 11 | Marcia J. | 2/14/1997 | 26 |
| Sharon R. | 2/10/2012 | 11 | Mark F. | 2/10/1995 | 28 |
| Janis B. | 2/12/2012 | 11 | Janet R. | 2/9/1993 | 30 |
| Susan M. | 2/15/2012 | 11 | Janie H. | 2/22/1993 | 30 |
| Terra B. | 2/18/2012 | 12 | Mark R. | 2/24/1993 | 30 |
| Hillary C. | 2/7/2011 | 12 | Nancy N. | 2/28/1993 | 30 |
| Jenny C. | 2/27/2011 | 12 | Nury C. | 2/10/1993 | 30 |
| Jessica C. | 2/18/2011 | 12 | Katie C. | 2/11/1992 | 31 |
| Joe O. | 2/12/2011 | 12 | Melissa V. | 2/22/1992 | 31 |
| Larry L. | 2/2/2011 | 12 | Judie M. | 2/22/1991 | 32 |
| Melissa P. | 2/9/2011 | 12 | Kim | 2/5/1991 | 32 |
| Scott C. | 2/17/2011 | 13 | Gavle M. | 2/20/1990 | 33 |
| Cindy B. | 2/5/2010 | 13 | Mike H. | 2/4/1990 | 33 |
| Rod W. | 2/27/2010 | 13 | Mike S. | 2/20/1990 | 33 |
| George C. | 2/27/2010 | 13 | David E. | 2/14/1989 | 34 |
| Kat H. | 2/18/2010 | 13 | Frank H. | 2/11/1989 | 34 |
| Kevin S. | 2/17/2010 | 13 | Lori W. | 2/4/1989 | 34 |
| Linda H. | 2/9/2010 | 14 | Marilyn M. | 2/23/1989 | 34 |
| Tonie R. | 2/18/2009 | 14 | Ron M. | 2/10/1989 | 34 |
| Wayne W. | 2/9/2009 | 15 | Francis R. | 2/14/1988 | 35 |
| Bob J. | 2/19/2008 | 15 | Penny R. | 2/10/1988 | 35 |
| Brad B. | 2/15/2008 | 15 | Tom L. | 2/22/1988 | 35 |
| Michael P. | 2/18/2008 | 15 | Bud V. | 2/23/1987 | 36 |
| Mike W. | 2/13/2008 | 15 | Jeffery T. | 2/21/1987 | 36 |
| Robert W. | 2/4/2008 | 16 | Kim O. | 2/4/1986 | 37 |
| Benecia S. | 2/14/2007 | 16 | Steve L. | 2/5/1986 | 37 |
| Dave W. | 2/12/2007 | 16 | Pat J. | 2/24/1985 | 38 |
| Debbie H. | 2/25/2007 | 17 | Genev | 2/2/1984 | 39 |
| Betsy C. | 2/2/2006 | 17 | Bob T. | 2/2/1984 | 39 |
| Carol W. | 2/8/2006 | 17 | Laura L. | 2/22/1984 | 39 |
| Jenni J. | 2/8/2006 | 17 | Joyce M. | 2/2/1982 | 41 |
| Laura F. | 2/8/2006 | 18 | Charlie R. | 2/28/1981 | 42 |
| Merridith E. | 2/21/2005 | 18 | Garv F. | 2/20/1981 | 42 |
| Ravmond Mc. | 2/10/2005 | 19 | Garv S. | 2/18/1981 | 42 |
| John H. | 2/25/2004 | 19 | George W. | 2/16/1979 | 44 |
| Mike F. | 2/14/2004 | 20 | Kate W. | 7/28/1978 | 45 |
| Chuck S. | 2/15/2003 | 20 | Will L. | 2/17/1978 | 45 |
| Debbie B. | 2/13/2003 | 20 | Skip W. | 2/23/1977 | 46 |
| Donna B.-L. | 2/1/2003 | 20 | Vic L. | 2/5/1977 | 46 |
| Lennie H. | 2/27/2003 | 20 | Beverly L. | 2/15/1976 | 47 |
| Rick C. | 2/3/2003 | 20 | Jeanie G. | 2/29/1976 | 47 |
| T. J. S. | 2/23/2003 | 21 | Joe F. | 2/27/1971 | 52 |

**Get your groups birthday list to Central Office
... That's how they appear here!**

Total Years = 2,666

Managers Corner

Don't forget to sign up or renew your Faithful Fiver! As you can see here, we are also in need of volunteers to clean the office once a month. Call (661) 945-5757 if interested.

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vacant
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 3rd ~ Joni R & Vacant
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Vacant

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

